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Philippines: amendment to draft resolution E/CN.4/1997/L.102 entitled "Rights of the child"

Insert the following new section after section VII.

Children with disabilities

1. Notes, with concern, the large numbers of children who have become disabled physically or mentally, or both, as a consequence, inter alia, of poverty, disease, disasters, armed conflict and all forms of violence;

2. Recognizes the need for special attention to be directed towards children with disabilities and their families or other caretakers;

3. Invites Governments, concerned United Nations specialized bodies and agencies including the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Health Organization and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and non-governmental organizations, especially of persons with disabilities, to conduct awareness-raising activities with a view to combating and overcoming discrimination directed against children with disabilities, and to continue to mainstream children with disabilities in their respective programme activities;

4. Emphasizes the right of children with disabilities to education and to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health and urges Governments to ensure provision of equal access to schools

and to comprehensive health services and the adoption of holistic approaches towards the total well-being of all children with disabilities, particularly children at highest risk, including refugees, displaced children, migrant children, children living in settings of violence and its immediate aftermath, those living in disaster areas, street children and children in squatter colonies;

5. Requests the Committee on the Rights of the Child, in monitoring the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, to pay attention to the special needs of children with disabilities, and requests the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, within the framework of her mandate, to include information on children with disabilities in her report to the Commission at its fifty-fourth session.